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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY PROVIDED BY THE FRG EMBASSY
IN KAMPALA ON AMIN'S OCTOBER 31 SPEECH (REF B).

BEGIN TEXT:

(1) PRESIDENT AMIN ON OCTOBER 31, 1977, INVITED THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED IN KAMPALA TO A GATHERING
ON THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF
POWER. HIS INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED BY A NUMBER OF
AMBASSADORS RESIDING IN NAIROBI AND ADDIS ABABA.

(2) AMIN MENTIONED UGANDA'S GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IN
THE FIELDS OF TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND
POSSIBILITIES EXISTING WITH RESPECT TO TOURISM. HE
WELCOMED PRIVATE INVESTMENT, REFERRING TO AN INVEST-
MENT PROMOTION ORDINANCE ISSUED ON OCTOBER 13, 1977.

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(3) AMIN REGRETTED THE COLLAPSE OF THE EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY. HE SAID UGANDA WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO
FORM A NEW COMMUNITY IN EAST AFRICA. HE INTENDED TO
SET UP EMBASSIES IN NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM.

SINCE THE OAU CHAIRMAN WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO TALK

WITH NON-RECOGNIZED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AMIN SUGGESTED THAT THE OAU, THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE NON-COMMITTED COUNTRIES SEND DELEGATIONS TO ERITREA, OGADEN AND THE WESTERN SAHARA WHICH MIGHT WORK OUT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESPECTIVE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE CONFLICTS.

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN THE NEAR EAST, HE SAID, ARMED STRUGGLE WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION. HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW BLACK AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE COULD NEGOTIATE WITH IAN SMITH. IN THIS CONTEXT, AMIN ATTACKED GREAT BRITAIN AND THE US, CLAIMING THAT THEY WERE ARMING SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND ISRAEL ENABLING THESE REGIMES TO DESTROY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

AMIN ALSO CRITICIZED LONDON AND WASHINGTON FOR HAVING CLOSED THEIR EMBASSIES IN KAMPALA. THIRTY AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN HAD EVEN SUGGESTED THAT THE US SHOULD SEVER ITS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH UGANDA.

(4) COMMENT: THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO FOREIGN INVESTORS, SUGGESTED BY THE EC MISSION IN KAMPALA ARE NEW BUT ARE HARDLY LIKELY TO LEAD TO CONSIDERABLE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. THE REQUIRED LEGAL SECURITY IS LACKING.

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ALSO NOTEWORTHY ARE AMIN'S PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICTS IN ETHIOPIA AND THE WESTERN SAHARA. (IDI AMIN FAVORS THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS.)

OTHER THAN THIS PRESIDENT AMIN REPEATED WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS. FROEWIS.

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